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# AHS grad joins Katimavik excursion

Acton's Beth-Anne Maxwell is off to find herself in Jonquiere, PQ, Kelona, B.C and Marathon, ON. The 18-year-old Acton High grad is one of almost 1,000 Canadian young people who will spend the next nine months with the Katimavik program – a federal initiative that invites youth to volunteer and complete a learning program that focuses on leadership, cultural diversity, healthy lifestyles and Canada's official languages.

Facing graduation, Maxwell was unsure what she wanted to do with her life until she heard about the Katimavik program at school. She knew she would enjoy the humanitarian work – she and her family have worked with the homeless and she was on the executive of the school student council.

"I already graduated high school, but I'm not sure what I want to do. I don't want to be spending the money for university when I'm

not totally sure. Katimavik fosters environment work, group living, cultural discovery and leadership and they are all of the things the I do want to get into," Maxwell said on Friday as she completed packing in preparation for boarding a bus to Montreal yesterday (Wednesday.)

The Katimavik program was started 30 years ago by the government of Prime Min  
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# Chong chalks up majority



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**VICTORY IS SWEET:** MP Michael Chong and wife Carrie cut into the Volunteers' Cake at the Mill Street Crossing in Acton Tuesday night where Chong held his victory party, rining up one of the highest majorities across Canada. - Ted Tyler photo

## Easily wins riding with 29,191 votes

By Frances Niblock

Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong was humble, proud and invigorated following his decisive win in Tuesday's Federal election.

Chong easily defeated his four challengers, unofficially garnering 58.2 per cent of the vote in the riding – bettering his finish in the 2006 vote when he took 50.6 per cent of the vote.

"I'm honoured that the people chose to re-elect me – it is a validation of the work I did on their behalf and a validation of the Prime Minister's work," Chong said from his election victory party at the Mill Street Crossing in Acton after the polls closed on Tuesday night.

Chong said he took nothing for granted during the campaign – working as hard as he could with a large and dedicated group of approximately 100 volunteers who he said de-

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